

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4-28-03.

### **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 99283 –Emergency Room visit rendered on 2-19-03.

### **II. FINDINGS**

- a. On May 15, 2003, the Medical Review Division submitted a Notice to requestor to submit additional documentation necessary to support the charges and to challenge the reasons the respondent had denied reimbursement within 14 days of the requestor's receipt of the Notice.
- b. CPT code 99283 is described as "Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient which requires these three key components; an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity."
- c. The *Medical Fee Guideline*, MFG, has set a MAR of \$70.00 for 99283.
- d. The insurance carrier denied reimbursement based upon "N – Documentation does not support necessity for emergency visit for date of injury 9-10-2002."
- e. The total amount in dispute is \$70.00.
- f. The emergency room visit report indicates that claimant saw her treating doctor that morning. The report does not support decision making of moderate complexity to support level of service billed. The report's clinical impression states acute myofascial strain – cervical; Pain acute and chronic in the neck. The disposition was home condition improved. Therefore, the requestor has not documented per MFG service billed, no reimbursement is recommended.

### **III. DECISION**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for emergency room visit.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 20th day of January 2004.

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